

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 35-57 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Claim 28 has been amended as shown on pg. 2-5 of the Reply to address minor informality noted by the Examiner.

The Examiner contends that claims 28 and 35-57 are withdrawn from consideration because the subject claims as presented in the previous Reply to Office Action are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed. (*See* Final Office Action dated April 13, 2007, pg. 2). Applicants' representative respectfully disagrees with such contention. However, independent claim 28 has been amended to expedite fruitful prosecution of the application. In particular, independent claim 28 has been amended to recite ***a system that acquires information***. Thus, independent claim 28 as amended is now directed to the invention that was originally claimed. (*See* Preliminary Amendment).

Moreover, it is submitted that independent claims 46 and 50 (and associated dependent claims) as previously presented are directed to the invention as originally claimed. For example, independent claim 46 as previously presented recites ***a graphical user interface***. Thus, independent claim 46 (and associated dependent claims) relates to graphical user interface as acknowledged by the Examiner. (*See* Final Office Action dated April 13, 2007, pg. 2). The original independent claim 46 also recites ***a graphical user interface***. (*See* Preliminary Amendment). Therefore, independent claim 46 (and associated dependent claims) is directed to the invention that was originally claimed. Further, referring to claims 50-57, independent claim 50 as previously presented recites ***a method for obtaining related information*** and so did the original independent claim 50. Thus, claims 50-57 as previously presented are directed to the same invention as originally claimed.

In view of at least the above, it is readily apparent that the subject claims as previously presented are directed to the invention as originally claimed. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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